(d) The total quantity of sugar released for the purpose of consumption in the country during October, 2005 was 16.00 lakh M.Ts. and it is presumed that in month of October, 2006, the level of consumption would be more or less the same.

Price of sugar

†2619. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been assessed that ex-factory price of sugar will be Rs. 17.50 to Rs. 18.50 per kg. in 2006-07 in the country and its sale price for the common people will be around Rs.21.00 per kg.;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it has also been assessed that the production of sugar in 2006-07 would be much higher in comparison to that in 2005-06;

(d) if so, whether the selling price of the sugar to the consumers would be less in comparison to that in the last year; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) It is too early to predict the level of sugar production for the next sugar season 2006-07 and/or its likely impact on the open market prices of sugar.

Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Policy

2620. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal/draft for Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.